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REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance in the parent application dated September 20, 2005 has been considered. This RCE is being filed after allowance so that claim 11 may be clarified to express the correct relationship between the upper and lower halves of the cassette. Applicant believes this clarification retains the claimed invention as found allowable by the Examiner in the parent application.

For the record applicant provides the following remarks concerning the non-pertinence of the prior art.

Katagiri et al. (US 4,862,305)

As the Examiner mentioned in the final rejection dated August 2, 2004 (page 3, lines 19-20), Katagiri fails to disclose the roughness of the surface of protrusion 27.

Further, Katagiri fails to teach subject matter disclosed in the present invention whereby a protrusion 21Ba is formed on the outer side 21B1 of the upper half 21 above of the hole 28b and provided with surfaces 10c1 and 10c2 confronting the lower half 22; and that the surfaces 10c1 and 10c2 perpendicular to the outer side 21B1 of the upper half 21 are roughened (Fig. 13(b) and page 17, lines 7-14).

Komiyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,121,275)

Komiyama discloses that the external surfaces of the integrally formed prism 117 and prism mounting plate 121 are roughened except for the first and second reflecting surfaces 117b, 117c and the entrance/exit surfaces 117d (Fig. 5 and column 4, lines 60-66). However, the surfaces of the prism 117 and prism mounting plate 121 are surfaces confronting the lower shell 109 and not perpendicular to the outer side of the upper shell

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111. Consequently, the prisms 117 are definitely different from the protrusion 21Ba of the present invention.

Accordingly, the present invention is completely different from Komiya and Katagiri.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 22-0185 referencing docket no. 21994-00028-US.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21994-00028-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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